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SUBJECT: TRANSATLANTIC SUBMARINE CABLE
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TO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 65464 ACTION MADRID DATED MARCH 18, 1978.

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